

# Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Application Number WSCC/045/20 Location : Lower Stumble Exploration Site, off London Road, Balcombe, Haywards Heath RH17 6JH Proposal :Remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test Dear Person I wish to OBJECT to this application. I have previously objected to all the previous proposals to extract hydrocarbons from this site and I have gone into lengthy reasons for so doing. I therefore do not think it necessary to rehearse all this points of objection again. Suffice, on this occasion I will simply headline the main reasons for objection, as follows :- 1. The proposal is not in keeping with the AONB status of the area in which the Lower Stumble site is located, and if approved it will lead to further applications to explore similar locations across the Weald. 2. Risk of pollution to nearby reservoir. The site is located 1 km from Ardingly Reservoir a resource which supplies many homes and businesses in East and West Sussex. There is a gully only 25 meters from the site which carries run off of water which eventually enters the River Ouse. The Ouse is used as and when required to top up water levels in the Reservoir from an extraction point locate close to the reservoir. There is a treat that waste toxic liquids from the site could enter the Reservoir and cause contamination 3. Impact of flaring on air quality and health. There will be high levels of particles emanating from the flare and diesel powered machinery, which due to the prevailing winds, will be carried over the village and the village school, pre school nursery groups and Retirement homes. 4. Increased HGVs going pass the school. The village school is on the road which will be used to access the site. The classrooms are only meters away from the road from time to time the windows of the classrooms will be open and could enable fumes and particles produced by HGV's to enter the classrooms 5. Risk of groundwater contamination . As with all operations exploiting hydrocarbon deposits there is always a very real risk that as a result of drilling, ground water and aquifers can be contaminated. I am concerned that there is already evidence that the aquifer under Balcombe may have been compromised due to Angus Energy admitting that they have experienced high levels of water appearing in the drilling bore. Sincerely David Perrin</p>
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